

R. C. asks the Utah Labor Commission to review Administrative Law Judge Hann's decision regarding Ms. C.'s claim for benefits under the Utah Workers' Compensation Act ("the Act"; Title 34A, Chapter 2, Utah Code Ann.).

The Labor Commission exercises jurisdiction over this motion for review pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §63-46b-12 and Utah Code Ann. §34A-2-801(3).

ISSUE PRESENTED

Is Ms. C. entitled to additional workers' compensation benefits for a lumbar injury allegedly caused by her work at Wal-Mart?

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission adopts Judge Hann's findings of fact.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION OF LAW

Under Utah's workers' compensation law, Ms. C. is entitled to disability compensation and medical treatment for any accidental injuries arising out of and in the course of her employment at Wal-Mart. However, it is Ms. C.'s obligation to prove a causal connection between her work at Wal-Mart and the injuries for which she now seeks benefits. The Commission agrees with Judge Hann's determination, based on the report of an impartial medical panel, that Ms. C. has not established such a causal connection. Her claim for additional benefits is therefore properly denied.

ORDER

The Commission affirms Judge Hann's decision and denies Ms. C.'s motion for review. It is so ordered.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2004.

R. Lee Ellertson, Commissioner